

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A processing machine, comprising:

a machine frame;

a processing element arranged so as to be movable relative to the machine frame;

at least one drive shaft for moving the processing element relative to the machine frame; and

a floating-bearing arrangement coupling the at least one drive shaft to the machine frame and the processing element, wherein the floating-bearing arrangement comprises at least two rolling-contact bearings coupled to one another and having a first rolling-contact bearing that is coupled with the drive shaft, and a second rolling-contact bearing that is arranged on the machine frame, and a common connecting bearing shell, wherein the connecting bearing shell supports rolling-contact bodies of the first and second rolling-contact bearings and wherein the bearing arrangement comprises a drive for moving the connecting bearing shell,

wherein the drive shaft is rotatably mounted on a support, the first rolling-contact bearing is connected to the support and the second rolling-contact bearing is connected to the machine frame, the rolling-contact bearings being designed as linear bearings and being coupled with one another by means of a spindle that serves as the connecting bearing shell, which extends in a main expansion direction (L) of the processing element and/or of the machine frame and is reciprocally movable in the main expansion direction.

2. (Previously Presented) A processing machine comprising a sanding machine, comprising:

a machine frame;

a processing element arranged so as to be movable relative to the machine frame;

at least one drive shaft for moving the processing element relative to the machine frame;

a floating-bearing arrangement coupling the at least one drive shaft to the machine frame and the processing element, wherein the floating-bearing arrangement comprises at least two rolling-contact bearings coupled to one another and having a first rolling-contact bearing that is coupled with the drive shaft, and a second rolling-contact bearing that is arranged on the machine frame, and a common connecting bearing shell, wherein the connecting bearing shell supports rolling-contact bodies of the first and second rolling-contact bearings and wherein the bearing arrangement comprises a drive for moving the connecting bearing shell, wherein said processing element comprises an elongated pressure element for abrasive and wherein the pressure element is supported by the machine frame by means of at least two drive shafts located at a distance from one another in the longitudinal direction (L) that comprises a main expansion direction, and wherein at least one of the drive shafts is coupled with the machine frame by means of the floating-bearing arrangement; and

a spring element acting in the main expansion direction (L) to couple the support with the machine frame.

3. - 4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) A processing machine according to Claim 1, comprising two spindles which extend parallel to one another in the longitudinal direction (L) of the pressure element and which in each case comprise said floating contact bearings.

6. (Original) A processing machine according to claim 1, wherein the at least one drive shaft comprises an eccentric shaft.

7. (Previously Presented) A processing machine according to Claim 1, further comprising a pressure element pre-stressing the support in the axial direction of the drive shaft on the machine frame.

8. (Original) A processing machine according to claim 1, further comprising at least one toothed-belt drive for driving the at least one drive shaft, and a tensioning device (S) for pre-tensioning the toothed-belt drive.

9. (Currently Amended) A floating-bearing arrangement, comprising:

a first rolling-contact bearing having a connection bearing shell fixedly mounted to a frame to provide a fixed bearing;

a second rolling-contact bearing having a movable bearing shell to form a floating bearing, the second rolling bearing not fixedly mounted to the frame, wherein the first and second rolling-contact bearings have a common connecting bearing shell which supports the rolling-contact bodies of the first and second rolling-contact bearings; and

a drive device for moving the common connecting bearing shell relative to the rolling-contact bodies,

wherein the first and second rolling-contact bearings comprise linear shaft bearings that are coupled with one another by means of a connecting spindle that serves as the connecting bearing shell, extends in the bearing axial direction and is movable in a reciprocating manner.

10. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A floating-bearing arrangement according to Claim 9, further comprising a third rolling contact bearing, the second and third rolling-contact bearings provided on both sides of the first rolling-contact bearing along the connecting spindle.

15. (Original) A floating-bearing arrangement according to Claim 14, comprising at least two connecting spindles arranged parallel to one another, the connecting spindles each supporting said first, second and third rolling-contact bearings.

16. (Canceled).